GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3537
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2001
VIOLATION OF BUILDING BYE LAWS BY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE CAPITAL
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain diplomatic missions in the Capital have violated the building bye-laws by making unauthorised constructions on their premises;

(b) if so, the details of all such diplomatic missions who have violated the building bye-laws;

(c) the action the Government propose to initiate against all such diplomatic missions;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Indian embassies in other countries are not allowed to make any constructions on their premises without following the procedure prescribed; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Certain deviations have come to the notice of the Government.

(b): Certain constructions in deviation of Building Bye-laws have been detected by NDMC in case of following Twelve diplomatic missions:

i)	Australian High Commission	vii)	Republic of Hungary
ii)	Embassy of Switzerland	viii)	U.S.A. Embassy, Malcha Marg
iii)	Embassy of State of Qatar	ix)	Republic of Uzbekistan Embassy.
iv)	Republic of China	x)	USA Embassy, Panchsheel Marg
v)	American Embassy	xi)	Libya Embassy
vi)	British High Commission	xii)	Saudi Arabia Embassy.

(c): Request has been sent by the NDMC to the Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs, for appropriate action in all these cases.

(d): Yes, Sir. Any additional construction on Government of India owned properties abroad invariably requires necessary local government approvals according to their building by-laws etc.

(e): Not applicable.